

RITE OF BLESSING OF CATECHISTS

Following the homily, the celebrant calls the catechists forward.
The celebrant address them:

Celebrant: For *(Name of the Parish)*, your cooperation is needed so that families and individuals may advance to full maturity in faith through the celebration of the liturgy, through study, and through their manner of life.

This cooperation is provided by those who devote themselves to catechesis. Enlightened by God's word and the teaching of the Church, catechesis impart to others an invitation or a deeper formation in those realities that they themselves have learned as truths to be followed in living and to be celebrated in liturgy.

In this celebration, we bless the Name of the Lord giving us such coworkers and pray that through the Holy Spirit they will receive the grace they need in their service to the Church. **Pause**

Now I ask you, are you willing to exercise the ministry of catechesis in *(Name of the Parish)*?

Catechist: With the Assistance of God's grace, we are ready to serve as catechists. May we, be good stewards of what God has entrusted to us.

The celebrant then continues in these words:

Celebrant: Since God wills the salvation of all, let us pray to him. Father, grant that all people will come to know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. May the grace of the Holy Spirit guide our hearts and our lips, so that we may all remain constant in loving and praising you. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The celebrant gives each catechist a candle and says:

Celebrant: Receive the light of Christ and go forth and spread his Gospel.

Catechists return to their seats.